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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 3549

AF/E FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, PFOR, KE, US

SUBJECT: EXCESS F5 AIRCRAFT FTT KENYA

REF: A. STATE 099516 (NOTAL) B. CARMISH MAAG TEHRAN ARJ4/6

DTG 301331Z APR 75 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI APRIL 30 TO
REQUEST TWO FORMAL LETTERS OF INTENT INVZVNORDANCE REF A.
WHILE I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED LETTERS (YESTERDAY WAS A KENYAN
HOLIDAY), KIEREINI MADE IT CLEAR THAT LETTER REQUESTING F-5A
AIRCRAFT WOULD CONDITION ACCEPTANCE ON OUR BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE
SOME F-5B AIRCRAFT AS WELL. KENYA AIR
FORCE COMMANDER COLONEL
GICHURU FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE MUST HAVE BALANCED SQUADRON TO
INCLUDE SOME TWO-PLACE AIRCRAFT IN ORDER HAVE IN-COUNTRY TRAINING
CAPABILITY. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND, THREFORE, THAT EVERY EFFORT BE
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MADE TO FIND EXCESS F-5BS WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO KENYA

IN SAME APPROXIMATE TIME FRAME AS TEN IRANIAN F-5AS.

2. KIEREINI ALSO SAID THAT IN VIEW OF FINANCIAL UNKNOWN ON F-5 DEAL (COST OF AIRCRAFT, REFURBISHING, AGE AND SPARES, TRAINING, TERMS ON WHICH FMS CREDIT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, ETC.), HIS LETTERS OF INTENT WILL HAVE TO CONTAIN APPROPRIATE DISCLAIMERS.

3. ASIDE FROM F-5B PROBLEM, I WOULD HOPE THAT SAN ANTONIO ALC CAN GIVE PRIORITY TO DEVELOPING COMPLETE AGE AND INITIAL SUPPLY SUPPORT LISTS AS RECOMMENDED IN REF B. ASSUME LISTS WILL INCLUDE COST ESTIMATES SO THAT TOTAL COSTS OF PACKAGE TO GOK CAN SOON BE FORMULATED WITH SOME PRECISION. KENYA MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEFEND ACQUISITION OF USED AIRCRAFT PACKAGE TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA UNLESS THEY CAN ASSURE HIM PACKAGE WILL BE COMPLETE IN EVERY MAJOR RESPECT, AS WELL AS REASONABLE IN PRICE. THOROUGH AND THOUGHTFUL REPORTING ON TEN EXCESS FMS F-5AS BY CARMISH MAAG TEHRAN GREATLY APPRECIATED. ASSUMING NECESSARY CLEARANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ETHIOPIA AND SAUDI ARABIA, I WOULD BE INCLINED TO AGREE THAT FERRYING AIRCRAFT TO KENYA WOULD BE MOST PRACTICAL MEANS OF DELIVERY.

4. PERHAPS BECAUSE TRAINING WAS INSUFFICIENTLY DISCUSSED DURING RECENT BRIEF VISIT TO KENYA OF STATE/DOD TEAM, KENYANS GAINED IMPRESSION THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OF \$2 MILLION FY75 FMS CREDIT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF MILITARY HARDWARE AND WOULD NOT BE NEEDED FOR TRAINING. IN VIEW OF KENYA'S CLEAR-CUT NEED FOR CONCESSIONARY FINANCING, WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PLAN FOR FY76 ALLOCATION OF MAP FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER TRAINING OF KENYA AIR FORCE PERSONNEL? KENYA'S POOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OUTLOOK WAS WELL DOCUMENTED BY LETTER FROM FINANCE MINISTER KIBAKI CARRIED BY AMBASSADOR MARSHALL TO WASHINGTON. THIS SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE BASIS FOR EARLY INTER-AGENCY DECISION TO PROVIDE FMS CREDIT TO KENYA ON LONGEST POSSIBLE MATURITIES AND LOWEST POSSIBLE INTEREST RATES. WE WILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO INFORM GOK OF TERMS ON WHICH FMS CREDIT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BEFORE WE CAN GO MUCH FURTHER. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN DECISION IN THIS REGARD CAN BE EXPECTED.

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